1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Parallel Lower Ganga Canal	-	-	90.00	90.00
4.	Agra Canal	-	-	138.30	138.30
5.	Remodelling Agra Canal	-	-	8.25	8.25
B. Ongoing Projects					
1.	Upper Ganga Irrigation Modernisation Project	725.40	611.41	9.00	
2.	Madhya Ganga Canal Project	543.96	406.03	178.00	165.82
3.	Chambal Lift Irrigation Scheme	60.63	37.93	55.20	-
4.	Bewar Feeder	50.50	42.71	9.80	Nil
5	Modernisation of Agra Canal	51.53	14.14	64.00	5.00

Master Plan on Ganga River

2478. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to prepare a master plan on Ganga river so that destruction of crops can be stopped from flood and the water could be used for irrigation and drinking purposes;

(b) the loss suffered every year due to flood and soil erosion in Ganga, the details of the proper estimates made in this regard;

(c) whether any effective scheme to check soil erosion by Ganga water has been considered or is likely to be considered;

(d) whether Government would ensure safety of farmers' land and increase the production by planting "Kas-Jhoga" plants on both sides of Ganga; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Ganga Flood Control Commission has prepared comprehensive plans for flood management for all 23 sub-basins of the Ganga. These plans have been sent to the State Governments of the basin States for preparing detailed schemes and implementation. These plans envisage construction of storage reservoirs wherever feasible for flood control which would also provide benefits of irrigation and drinking water.

(b) Details of flood damages in the Ganga basin states are given in the *enclosed statement*.

(c) to (e) The State Government over the years have been undertaking various measures of flood management including anti-erosion works such as embankments, river protection works etc., to mitigate the damages caused by erosion and floods. The State Government prepares schemes for anti-erosion works and implement them as per priorities and availability of funds. The schemes costing more than Rs. 1 crore only are submitted to the Centre for advice and clearance.

STATEMENT

Statement Showing Annual Average Flood Damages in Ganga Basin States

S.No	State	Demage to crops Area	Value	Demage to Houses Nos.	Value	Cattle Lost Nos.	Human Lives Lost Nos.	Damage Public utilities	Total
1	2	3**	4*	5	6*	7*	8	9*	10*
1	West Bengal	.255	37.307	194759	10.857	9999	159	16.888	65.05
2.	Bihar	.657	55.958	149790	10.989	901	84	30.491	97.44
3.	U.P.	1.335	149.39	316340	36.779	1746	275	69.636	255.80
4.	M.P.	0.016	3.023	10774	0.694	2824	22	1.198	4.81
5.	Delhi	0.004	0.502	1796	0.260	17	1	0.142	0.90

1	2	3**	4*	5	6*	7*	8	9*	10*
6.	Haryana	0.124	16.064	24110	3.352	196	12	3.080	22.5
7.	Rajasthan	0.198	8.436	24254	3.173	9523	42	14.496	26.10
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0.022	8.562	2354	2.355	222	24	8.026	18.94

** In Hectares
* In Crores

[English]

West Asia Peace Process

2479 SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA :
SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had responded to the unfortunate set back to the peace process in West Asia consequent to the opening by the Israeli Government of the tunnel under the Masjid-e-Aqsa in Jerusalem;

(b) if so, when was the response made;

(c) the details of the response;

(d) to whom the response was communicated; and

(e) the other efforts made recently, by the Government towards the resolution of disputes between Israel and Palestine?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c). The Government issued an official statement on 27 September 1996, a copy of which is enclosed in statement.

(d) Besides the above, India's Acting Representative to the Palestinian authority, in Gaza, called on President Yassar Arafat and conveyed to him India's response reiterating India's support for the Palestinian cause, and for the Middle East Peace Process. The Indian delegation also participated in the Security Council debate on the issue and made a statement.

(e) The Government have extended unqualified support to the Middle East Peace Process aimed amongst other, at the resolution of the issues between Israel and the Palestinian, and have recently urged again all parties concerned, in order to ensure further expeditious progress in the process to intensify their efforts in this regard.

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Official Statement

Violent Clashes in the West Bank and Gaza

Government of India is deeply concerned at the recent serious incidents of violence in the West Bank and Gaza caused by the action of the Israeli authorities of opening a tunnel beneath Al Haram Al Sharif (the Temple Mount) in East Jerusalem. We are horrified at the tragic loss of several innocent lives and the large scale injuries following violent clashes. The current situation underlines the need for immediate and effective measures to end the violence and create a climate which would enable purposeful negotiations, based on a recognition of the underlying causes of the conflict.

These developments also serve to emphasise the moral, legal and humanitarian imperatives of the Middle East peace process, and the necessity of building futher on the agreements and understandings already reached, in order to move rapidly towards a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement in the Middle East, on the basis of the principles and time schedules already agreed on. India urges all parties concerned to intensify their efforts towards realising these objectives, keeping in view that durable peace and stability in Middle East requires addressing the Palestinian issue.

Government of India's concern and views have been conveyed to the Israeli and Palestinian authorities.

27th September, 1996

Rengali Project

2480 SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on Rengali multi purpose major irrigation project in Orissa has since commenced;

(b) if so, the progress made so far including the cost of the project;

(c) whether Government are aware that it has not become possible to utilise the water of Rengali in the drought areas for which it was originally scheduled.

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to make proper utilisation of Rengali water specially in the drought affected areas?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Rengali Multipurpose project envisages construction of a Dam and the Power